

Meeting Minutes

2/6/2012 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland

Commission Name	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Name of Commission Chair	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick
Commission Administrator/ Staff Present	Keith Colston, Assistant Director Agnes M. Smith, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Hines, Director
Guest Speakers	
List of Attendees	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick, Vice Chair Thomas W. Windsor II, Virginia Busby, Kathryn E. Robbins Fitzhugh, Robert F. Killen, Wanda Lee, Cornelius Allen Red Deer, Guy Wells
Absent	Sherry Majors

The Meeting was called by Chair Auriel A. Fenwick. Prayer by Mr. Rico Newman. Vice Chair Thomas Windsor noted that the agenda for the meeting has been set. Motion for approval of minutes from public meeting on November 7, 2011. 1st Commissioner Guy Wells/2nd Vice Chair Thomas Windsor.

Topics

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	Assistant Director Keith Colston		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	

REPATRIATION/WATER TRAIL COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY

Summary Of Discussion	Commissioner Virginia Busby noted that a letter was sent to the Governor asking for more help with the repatriation process. Want all remains to be put back in ground in early 2012 or when weather permits. The chiefs looked at five sites. There will be a meeting with Chief Crowe in Western Maryland. They are trying to get an agreement from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow burying on their land. Want the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) to expedite the Piscataway burials. Hoping in the next month to have a Memorandum of Understanding. It was noted that the lawyer that serves the Commission and the Maryland Historical Trust is Mr. Phil Deters. Mr. Bob Gajdys noted that Chief Sewell indicated that his Tribal Counsel noted that unless reburial is done by the end of June they are at the end of their patience. In reference to the Water Trail the MHT, DNR and Park Services ran a test model at a certain section of the Nanticoke River. The spoke about land historically significant to the Indians. She is requesting a test case that's Native driven.		
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EDUCATION

COMMISSIONER WANDA LEE

Summary Of Discussion	The Education Committee wants every tribal group to write their own history, narrative, historian, tribal leaders. They had a workshop in November 2011 which included a forum and four breakout sessions. There was weaving, maps 100 years old by Mr. Rico Newman, storytelling by Debbie Henry, weaving and beading by Sherry Majors, trunk of artifacts. There was 25-30 teaches in attendance. Commissioner Wanda lee noted that she has received the Pocomoke history from Norris Howard. Paramount Chief Norris Howard attended workshop and spoke about Commissioner Sherry Majors singing "Amazing Grace". The information will be put on the website for the 2 nd Workshop. Location to be determined.		
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SWEAT LODGES

COMMISSIONER GUY WELLS

Summary Of Discussion	Spoke with Chaplain Hancock the Eastern Correctional Institute next sweat scheduled for the Spring. The ECI sweats has been up and going for three years. For the Western Lodge he has contacted a couple of people to get them to volunteer.		
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STATUS OF ACCOHANNOCK PETITION

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	The Accohannock Tribe on January 6, 2012 turned in the supplemental information requested by the RAC. It has been redacted. Anyone wanting to review the new information can make an appointment.		
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REMARKS

MR. RICO NEWMAN

Summary Of Discussion	Mr. Rico Newman was grateful for the accomplishment of getting Maryland Indian Recognition Status for the Native people. Truly a very long, hard journey. He's been in it for the last 20 years. The work was done 40 years ago. The goal now is to make sure the young people is on board to take the community to the next level.		
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REMARKS

MR. MAURICE PROCTOR

Summary Of Discussion	Mr. Maurice Proctor was thankful for the creation of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs by Governor Schaefer. He applauded Governor Martin O'Malley. He noted that all the states around Maryland		
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	had recognized their people. It was some hard work but glad it finally happened. Mr. Proctor noted that the first meeting with Assistant Director Colston they spoke about the mission and moving forward.		
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30th Annual Piscataway Pow-Wow
Saturday, June 2 & Sunday, June 3, 2012

Horse Net Pow Wow has been cancelled.

Request to have dates of events on website calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.